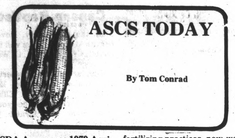

ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

USDA Announces 1979 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) - A $190 million 1979 Agricultural conservation program (ACP) that emphasizes rural pollution abatement and soil, water and woodland conservation has been announced by Weldon Denny, acting administrator of ASCS.

Under ACP, the department provides both technical and financial assistance to farmers whose land is a source of agricultural pollution or is affected by wind or water erosion. ACP emphasizes providing enduring solutions to these problems, and is aimed at farmers who would not carry out approved conservation practices without some cost-sharing incentive. Cost sharing for a part of the farmers' or ranchers' cost on the most critical problems, with a payment limit of $3,500 per person, will be made available.

A set of national practices will be developed that represents a wide range of conservation and pollution problem solutions. State and county ACP programs will be based on these national practices, although additional practices may be developed at the local level to meet specific pollution or conservation problems. As in the 1978 program, state and county program development groups will establish a priority system for identifying and solving conservation problems.

For those farmers considering seeding or liming and fertilizing practices, now would be the time to get your soil samples in. By getting your soil samples in now, the results should be back by the time you are ready to signup under the 1979 program.

10,914 Farmers Participated in 1978 Conservation Program - According to ASCS records 10,914 producers in Virginia participated in the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) last year, compared with 11,446 the previous year.

10,849 farmers carried out conservation practices under annual agreements and 10 entered into long-term agreements to conduct practices over the next 3 to 10 years.

Virginia producers received $2,942,813 in cost-share funds for ACP practices, an average of $248 per participating farm. This compares with $2,535,282 and $206, respectively, in 1976.

Cost-share funds were approved for farmers who requested them in advance of performing conservation practices. In Appomattox County the ASC committee considered the relative urgency of the conservation measures to be undertaken and the need for cost-sharing assistance in solving conservation problems.

Conservation problems that were cost-shared for included erosion where the productive capacity of the land is in danger, and conserving soil and water where sedimentation gets into streams causing degradation of the water.

New State Geologist Selection Announced

Charlottesville -- Fred W. Walker, Director of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development announced here today at a Board meeting the selection of Dr. Robert C. Milici as State Geologist and Commissioner of the Virginia Division of Mineral Resources. The State Geologist position has been vacant since the retirement of Dr. James L.Calver on June 31, 1978.

A nationwide search by a Recruitment Committee appointed by Walker resulted in Dr. Milici's selection. The Recruitment Committee included three of Virginia's top geologists representing the major geological interests in Virginia--the consultants, private industry and educational institutions. Milici, currently the Chief Geologist of Research with the Tennessee Division of Geology, is expected to assume his new duties in January 1979 Until Dr. Milici arrives, Dr. Bruce Hobbs, Assistant State Geologist, will continue as Acting State Geologist and Commissioner of the Division, which is located here in the Natural Resources Building.

In other actions the Board of Conservation and Economic Development passed a resolution commending the continued use of the herbicide 2,4,5-T as a beneficial forest management technique in Virginia.

The Board also approved a request from the Virginia Wildlife Federation for a $4,200 grant from the Division of Little Control to institute a public awareness program in Virginia's elementary schools on litter control and damage to fish and wildlife habitat.

Cub Scouts Recognized

Larry Johnson, left, of Den 4 and Eugene Thompson, right, of Den 2 received their Den-Chief training and also received a patch and Den-Chief book to help them with the Cub Scouts. The Pow Wow was held at Ferrum College at Ferrum

The Pow Wow consisted of Leadership training and Den Chief training. Also attending the Pow Wow were Den Mothers, Mildred Thompson and Sarah Summers. Larry and Eugene are members of Troop 546 and their Scoutmaster is Danny Garrett.

Hollywood

Rev. Daniel Menser called in several homes in the Hollywood neighborhood last week. Rev. and Mrs. Menser and son, Mike, spent the week end in Hampton, Va., visiting their four sons and their families who live there.

Mrs. Clay Nelson, of Roanoke, came by on her way from Richmond to see her aunt, Mrs. L. H. Watson and family Sunday afternoon. We pray Mrs. Watson may soon be feeling better.

Mrs. Kenneth Deaner received word last week that her mother, Mrs. Ioan Mayberry, was a patient at the Riverside Hospital in Newport News. Our sincere prayers are with Mrs. Mayberry and her love ones.

Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin, of the Camelot Hall Nursing Home in Lynchburg, hasn't been as well the last two weeks. Our sincere prayers are with Mrs. Franklin and her love ones.

We are so glad Miss Odell Webb is feeling somewhat better. Each one wishes for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman, Jr. and family and Mrs. Florry White Sunday afternoon. Mrs. White has been a shut-in for some time. We pray she may soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall visited Mrs. Woodall's motehr, Mrs. Cora Norwood of Farmville, Sunday.

Mrs. Twyman Baldwin visited her father, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bagby received word last week that her foster brother, Mr. Cecil Sells, of Princeton, W. Va., had been ill in a Blacksburg Hospital. We are so glad he is at home now and recovering. We pray he may be well soon.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Torrence. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence visited Mrs. Torrence and Mrs. Covington Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. J. L. Torrence spent Tuesday in the home of Mrs. W. T. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom were visitors one day last week of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and family. mr. and Mrs. Webb visited Mr. Webb's sister, Miss Berta Webb, of Concord Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Miss Julia Wingfield were visitors Sunsay of Mr. and Mrs. James Waldron and family, of Bedford.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mrs. Mary Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. John Goin. Those calling last week in this home were Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mr. Joe Goin, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Mrs. David Austin Mrs. Shirley Franklin, Mrs. Carrie Richardson, Mrs. Joe Almond and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BY SOUTHSIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Southside Electric Cooperative has filed with the State Corporation Commission of Virginia an application requesting an increase in the rates charged for electric service. Cooperative states in its application that the revised rates would produce additional revenues of approximately $812,650 or an approximate 6.29 percent increase in revenue. The Commission has suspended the effective date of these proposed increased rates and has scheduled a public hearing on the application in its Courtroom, Blanton Building, Bank and Governor Streets, Richmond, Virginia at 10:00 a.m. on November 30, 1978.

Any interested party may review the application of the Cooperative and the proposed new schedules of increased rates during regular business hours at the office of the Commission's Clerk, Blanton Building, Richmond, or at any office of the Cooperative where bills may be paid.

Any person who expects to participate at the public hearing as a protestant, to offer evidence and to cross-examine witnesses, shall file a Protest as provided by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before November 24, 1978, with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, and send a copy to R.V. Southworth, Assistant Manager, Southside Electric Cooperative, Crewe, Virginia 23930.

Interested persons who wish to speak in their own behalf at the public hearing, and not participate as a protestant, need only appear at 10:00 a.m. on November 30, 1978, and complete an appearance form to be supplied by the Commission's Bailiff. These persons are not required to file any material in advance of the hearing. All correspondence to the Commission shall be directed to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 1197, Richmond, Virginia 23209.

Coffee Held For Kindergarten Patrons

Pictured above are Mrs. Moore, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Booker, Rev. and Mrs. Carroll who were among the sixty parents that attended a coffee held at the Appomattox Primary School on October 28!

Philosophy of the kindergarten, curriculum guides, teaching procedures, materials, student evaluation, basic learning skills, and on-site visitation were shared and discussed with the parents. PTA Hospitality Committee persons, Penny Mongold and Linda Youngblood, assisted with the table arrangement and serving.

FFA JUNIOR CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

On October 26, 1978 the Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Farmers of America received second and third place in the Junior Dairy Judging Contest. First place went to the Amherst Junior Chapter.

The second place judging team was as follows: President, Suzan Eye, Valeria Garrett, and Executive Officer Jay Stewart. Sentinel, Richard Conner, Treasurer Dale Shrock and Executive Officer Dean Jamerson made up our third place team.

Richard Conner tied for third place high individual overall and Suzan Eye tied for fifth. The judging took place at three farms in Rustburg.

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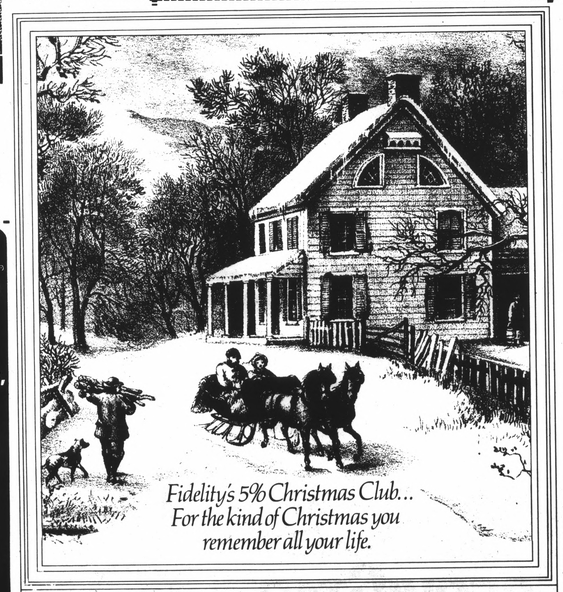

Take a minute to think about some of the "special" Christmases in your life. Maybe the one when the kids got the puppy that was a member of the family for eighteen years. Or the Christmas reunion, when all the aunts and cousins and grandparents came—and you couldn't walk for kids and presents. Or the many times the two of you danced to the Bing Crosby Christmas album, all alone, by the light of the tree. Special holidays, to dream of year after year. At Fidelity American Bank, nothing makes us happier than playing a part in somebody's "special" Christmas. Next year, let us be part of yours. Simply open a Fidelity Christmas Club, add to it here and there during the year and, when it's paid up, get back all your money and 5% interest...just in time to make next Christmas as nice as all the ones in your dreams.
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THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSES at the Appomattox Primary School enjoyed a visit from Mike Johnson, a volunteer fireman from Appomattox. He came in a fire truck and demonstrated the various equipment on the truck. This was an exciting conclusion to the school's unit on Fire Safety.

Goblins At R. E. Academy

Ghosts and goblins galore! Mrs. Wanda Lively s class at Robert E. Lee Academy was running over with Halloween spirits on Monday at their Halloween party.

Students shown, front row, left to right,are Keith Webb, Douglas Crews, Sheri Wallace; second row, from left, Ben Martin, Chad Pierce, Doug Doss, Mathew Dell; on third row, left to right, Jamie Franklin, Megan Gregor, Kevin Doss, Steve Stratton, and Stacey Murick.

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Mrs. Webber Proud To Be 75

Mrs. Verna Mae Farrar Webber of Pamplin, age 75, has a lot to brad about. She is the mother of fifteen children, twelve still living and three deceased.

Mrs. Webber's three children deceased were bovs. Frank Webber, Jr., Phil Thomas Hankings and Raymond Lacy. Among those living are seven boys, Clarence Edward, Leslie Lovelace, Lawrence Hanson, Billy Allen, Frank Edward, Howard Lee and Henry Ray; and five girls, 'Lula Mae, Ruby, Yuwilder, Mabel and Mildred Ann.

Mrs. Webber also has 39 grandchildrèn, the youngest only 9 months old; and she has 38 great grandchildren.

Rocks

October 30 - Another beautiful day on Sunday. Since Daylight Saving Time came to an end Sunday morning, guess you got back that hour of sleep you lost in the spring.

Estelle Garrett returned home from the hospital on Tuesday.

Frank Glover of Evergreen continues ill in a Roanoke hospital.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Gloria Richardson entered Virginia Baptist Hospital last Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the children and relatives of Mrs. Lucille Dinkins of Appomattox who passed away at her home Thursday afternoon.

A bus load of senior citizens went to Harpers Ferry on Thursday. They reported a wonderful trip.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder enjoyed the Retreat at Eagle Eyrie Friday night and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robinson of Route 1, Pamplin "are all smiles" it's a boy, Dale Harold, 8 lbs. 3 oz., born on October 21 at Virginia at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson returned from Florida Sunday afternoon after leaving last Monday to take Mrs. Olivia Langran back after spending part of the summer here.

Rev. W. H. Elder was welcomed to the pulpit for the morning service on Sunday. The pastor was away on an action campaign in South West Virginia for a few days.

Some outside groups as well as our own participated in the singspiration on Sunday night.

Mrs. Erna Roach will spend this week in Richmond with her daughter.

The Rocks Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Thursday night November 2nd with Mrs. Shirley Walton at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Odelle Ranson went to Richmond on Friday to see her mother, Mrs. Mann who is in Chippenham hospital with pneumonia. Get well wishes go out to her.

Mrs. Ruby Almond and mother, Mrs. Carrie Richardson called to see Mrs. Mary Bagby on Friday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Hugh Roach of Pamplin in the death of her husband and to Mrs. Allie Wayne, Mrs. Luther Nash and Mrs. Ed Richie in the death of their brother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roach and Ann Marie of Lovingston were visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach on Sunday afternoon.

Stonewall

Judge not that ye be not judged. Matthew 7.1

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler spent Friday night with Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and Ronnie visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday. Also Mr. Harvey Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bondurant had her mother Mrs. Harvey Thomas for dinner Sunday.

Mr. David Mitchell was home from Carson Newman College for the week end.

Mrs. Elsie Krantz was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Doss at Rustburg Sunday. They celebrated her birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz, Connie and Kim were after noon visitors in their home.

Mrs. Thelma Martin and Miss Mamie Cullop visited Mrs. Elsie Caldwell Friday afternoon.

Mr. Harvey Thomas went on the horse back trail ride Sunday.

Mrs. Hopkins Spoke At Junior Woman's Club Meeting

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club met Tuesday, October 24, with Mrs. Carolyn Thompson, president, presiding at the meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Delores Hopkins of Appomattox. She spoke to the group about her hobby, liquid embroidery. Using the Tri-Chem brand, Mrs. Hopkins demonstrated the technique and explained what kinds of materials it could be used on.

Mrs. Hopkins showed members samples of Christmas cards, aprons, quilts, and many other items decorated with Tri-Chem liquid embroidery.

Members were able to try their hand at this craft by doing some pictures themselves. Mrs. Hopkins is shown in above photo.

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